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BERLIN CIA ACTIVITY

Students Seek Probe

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BERLIN — Student leaders at West Berlin's Free University called this week for an immediate investigation into charges that the Central Intelligence

Agency had recruited American and other students here for intelligence work.

The disclosure of such activities from 1959 to 1962 by a former American student in the

New York Times appeared to come as no great surprise to students and university officials.

"WE HAVE suspected something like that all the time," Walter Kreipe, a spokesman for the "Allgemeiner Studentenausschuss," the students self-governing body, declared. "However, we have had no direct evidence of such activities."

Kreipe said the student body had called on Heinrich Albertz, mayor of Berlin, to take immediate action to halt C.I.A. activities at the Free University.

The students also demanded that the rector of the university, Prof. Hans Joachim Lieber, investigate the charges and undertake steps to "censure the students freedom from American and other intelligence activities."

University officials pointed out that the C.I.A. appeared to have restricted its activity on the Berlin campus to individual recruitment of students and that there was no evidence of any large-scale grants having been funneled to students organizations here.

HOWEVER, KREIPE said he had learned that an American front organization known as the "Hobby Foundation" had in 1963 given a \$100,000 grant to a private non-university group in Berlin that operated

in development countries. Kreipe said it was believed the funds came from the C.I.A.

A lecturer at the University said to his knowledge the C.I.A. undercover activity had been greatly reduced since the Communists restricted access between east and west by building the Berlin Wall in 1961.

The young assistant, a German, said he'd been approached in the late 1950's as a student at the Free University to make available his postal address for letters to be sent there from unknown persons or groups in Poland.

"I was offered \$12.50 a month for the service, but I found the plan absurd and I refused," he said.

POLICE OFFICIALS said that as the Free University campus and most institutes were located in the American sector there was no doubt the C.I.A. had access to any files it wanted to see, including registration forms of Free University students.